

BEAR POND & LITTLE BEAR POND

Turner Twp., Androscoggin Co.
Hartford Twp., Oxford Co.
U.S.G.S. Buckfield, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brown trout	Minnows
Rainbow smelt	Golden shiner
Smallmouth bass	White sucker
Largemouth bass	Hornpout (bullhead)
White perch	Banded killifish
Yellow perch	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Northern pike	American eel
Chain pickerel	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 422 acres

Temperatures:

Maximum depth - 28 feet

Surface - 78°F

28 feet - 64°F

Principal fisheries: Smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel

Biological surveys of Bear and Little Bear Ponds in 1953 showed that both ponds contained suitable habitat for smallmouth bass. Transfers of several dozen adult bass occurred into these ponds in 1956 and 1957. Biologists resurveyed the pond in 1963 and found numerous naturally spawned bass indicating a successful introduction. Largemouth bass are now established and now anglers can enjoy excellent fishing for both species.

Brown trout are stocked occasionally but marginal water quality limits survival. Winter anglers are the primary benefactors from these trout stockings because they are easier to catch in the winter.

A northern pike was caught during the 1999 ice-fishing season at Bear Pond. It is unknown if this illegal introduction of pike will result in establishing a viable population. A popular brook trout population in Martin Stream may be at risk should pike migrate down stream through the dam.

Bear Pond is highly developed with limited access. A privately owned boat launch facility is available to the general public for a small fee.

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